



Town of *Westford* Massachusetts

Town Manager's Newsletter

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Dear Westford residents,

Thank you to everyone who prepared for, conducted, and attended our Special Town Meeting on Monday, October 17th. Our meeting was very well attended and very efficiently run. If you were unable to attend, you missed a lively meeting! Thank you to Chris Chew, Jim Antonelli, and the staff at Westford Academy who were so accommodating to our requests, and Angela Harkness, Town Moderator, for her expertise in running the meeting. A special thank you to the Select Board for honoring my final town meeting as town manager with a slideshow of pictures from the past 14+ years, including a touching tribute. Thank you to all of you for your kindness and display of appreciation. You may view the results of our town meeting at the following link: [2022 Special Town Meeting Results](#).

Our State and Special Town Elections are on Tuesday, November 8th. Our Town Clerk's Office is in the process of mailing out election ballots to residents who have applied. For those who have applied, please keep an eye out for your ballot to arrive within the next week as they were sent out last week. Once you have completed your ballot, you may return it to our Town Clerk's Office via USPS mail in the self-addressed stamped envelope, drop off in the secure locked ballot box located outside the back of Town Hall, or drop off in person at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours. Please be sure you sign the yellow early ballot envelope or your ballot cannot be accepted.

On Thursday November 11th we will honor our military veterans and their families at a special Veterans Day service. The ceremony will be held at 11:00 AM on the Town Common. For more information, please visit the following link: [Veterans Day 2022](#).

At the Select Board's meeting on September 27th, the board discussed their November and December 2022 meeting schedule. The board unanimously voted to amend their November schedule to meet on November 15th and 29nd and meet in December as scheduled for December 13th and 27th.

At the board's last meeting, they reviewed a request to update and revise the "Hunting on Board of Selectmen Land Policy" established on October 14th, 2014, to permit residents to hunt on a second location if the lottery is under subscribed. The Select Board unanimously approved the revised version as amended, subject to Town Counsel's review. The policy will return to the Select Board for final approval at their next meeting on October 25th, 2022.

The board heard and approved a request from National Grid to authorize our Tree Warden to approve their proposed plan to trim and prune tree and woody vegetation in the town's right of way along Circuit 57L1, as part of their 2022 Vegetation Management Plan. Locations include Concord Road (from Littleton Road to 74 Concord Road), Concord Road (from Littleton Road to Powers Road), Flagg Road (from Kelly Road to 21 Flagg Road), Hildreth Street (from Concord Road to Dove Lane), Howard Road, Phillips Drive, and Wright Lane.

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Municipal Resources, Inc. has advertised the Town Manager position with a deadline for applications on Monday, October 24th at 9:00 AM. For additional information relative to the position, you may visit the following link: [Westford Town Manager Job Opportunity](#).

Under recent State law changes relative to the new multi-family zoning requirement, Westford is considered a "MBTA Adjacent Community" and is required to update our zoning bylaw to allow the potential for multi-family housing developments by December 31st, 2024. For more information and to participate in the survey, please visit the following link: [Multi-Family Housing Survey](#).

Another survey is available relative to commercial recreation opportunities which include indoor/outdoor sports fields and courts, trails, skiing, camping, and more. Currently these are allowed in only one zoning district in town, Commercial Highway (along Route 110). The Planning Department is seeking input to help shape the public planning process to explore the possibility of allowance in additional areas of town. For more information and to participate in the survey, please visit the following link: [Commercial Recreation Opportunities Survey](#).

There are several openings on our local boards and committees, including: 35 Town Farm Road Task Force, Affordable Housing Trust, Agricultural Commission, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Dog Park Task Force, Economic Development Committee, Election Officer, Healthy Westford Committee, Housing Authority, Parks, Grounds and Recreation Commission, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Permanent Town Building Committee, Scholarship and Grant Committee, Senior Low Income Disabled Tax Relief Committee, Tax Possession Sale Committee, Town and School Safety Task Force, and Zoning Board of Appeals. I urge you to peruse our website for information about the work of these committees; and if you have interest, please complete and submit a Citizen's Activity form at this link: [Citizen Activity Form](#).

Would you like more detailed information on the Select Board's meetings? Click the following links to access: [Select Board Documents](#) & [Select Board Meeting Videos](#).

Please enjoy these beautiful autumn days and our gorgeous foliage!

Sincerely,



Jodi Ross
Town Manager



Town Clerk's Corner

The State Election and Special Town Election is Tuesday, November 8, 2022. TWO ELECTIONS!! Town election is designated with a neon green sticker. Please keep ballots separate from each other if you are voting by mail. Each election ballot has its own envelope. If you are not already a registered voter in Westford or if you wish to change your party designation, the deadline to do so is Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 5 pm. The Town Clerk's Office will be open, or you can register online.

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/>



When you register to vote, you may

- Register in a POLITICAL PARTY by selecting one of the listed parties (currently Democratic or Republican) OR
- Register in a political designation, OR
- Register with no party affiliation by selecting "NO PARTY (unenrolled)," which is commonly referred to as "independent" meaning that you do not have a party designation

If you do not enroll in a party (i.e., choose unenrolled or a political designation), you may still vote in state and presidential primaries by choosing a party ballot and will remain unenrolled.

If you enroll in one of the parties listed above, you may vote only in that party's primary. In a general election, all voters receive the same ballot regardless of party enrollment.

Three Ways to Cast Your Ballot:

1) VOTE BY MAIL IS GOING ON NOW. THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT IS November 1st.

2) IN PERSON EARLY VOTING BEGINS SATURDAY, October 29th at the former Fire Station, 51 Main Street. The schedule is below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat, Oct 22	9am – 3 pm	51 Main Street
Mon, Oct 24-Fri Oct 28	9 am– 1 pm	51 Main Street
Sat, Oct 29 (also voter registration deadline)	9 am – 5 pm	51 Main Street
Mon, Oct 31-Fri, Nov 4	8 am – 4 pm	51 Main Street

3) VOTE AT YOUR PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY.

Remember your precinct and location may have changed! Unsure? Call us at 978-692-5515 or email townclerk@westfordma.gov

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Town Clerk's Corner (Continued)

WESTFORD VOTERS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WHERE ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Are you new to Town? Have you moved within the Town?

Have you responded to your census? Do we have your updated information?

- If you are a U.S. Citizen and born on or before November 8, 2004, you are eligible to vote in the State and Special Town Elections as long as you are a registered voter in Westford by October 29, 2022.
- There are seven precincts and two voting locations in Westford.
- Knowing your **Precinct** and **voting status** ahead of time will save you time on Election Day
- Use the **QR code** above to obtain your voting status and precinct information or call the Town Clerk's Office at **978-692-5515**

SAVE TIME. AVOID AGGRAVATION. KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Precinct 1:	Westford Academy, 30 Patten Road
Precinct 2:	Stony Brook Middle School, 9 Farmer Way
Precinct 3:	Westford Academy, 30 Patten Road
Precinct 4:	Westford Academy, 30 Patten Road
Precinct 5:	Stony Brook Middle School, 9 Farmer Way
Precinct 6:	Stony Brook Middle School, 9 Farmer Way
Precinct 7:	Westford Academy, 30 Patten Road

Election Dates

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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Election Type

State Election

Special Town Election

Last Day to Register (5:00pm)

Saturday, October 29, 2022

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Cameron Center Happenings

Just a flavor of our many early Fall offerings at the Cameron for adults age 55+ :

It's Time for the Fifth Annual Trivia Go-Go-

Tuesday, October 25th at 5:30

Our infamous Ken presents, "Trivia with a Twist". There will be special games for extra points, unique team selection and champion prizes. Doors open at 5:30 for desserts and trivia begins at 6:00. All this for \$3.00. Sure to be a great time! Don't miss the fun; sign up by 10/19. 978-692-5523.



First Fridays with Purple Hydrangea (New Dementia outreach)

Fri. November 15th & December 2nd at 1:00-3:00

We are so excited to have this new partnership with Olivia Evans is a Certified Dementia Practitioner and Montessori Dementia Care Professional who will be providing six 20 minute 1:1 office sessions here for folks the first Friday of every month. Her company, Purple Hydrangea, offers 1:1 dementia caregiver support, symptom management coaching, home safety assistance, advance care education, goal creation, activity planning and resources/referrals. Please call our front desk at 978-692-5523 to sign up for a slot. Our EOE grant will subsidize the cost for Nov/Dec. Any questions ask for Annette or Alison.



Holiday Assistance Program

The Cameron Senior Center is partnering with SVdP Society of St. Catherine's Church, Westford Food Pantry and the generosity of community sponsors to assist Westford families and individuals who would like to cook a holiday meal(s) and/or need assistance in providing gifts for their children this holiday season. If you need assistance this holiday season please contact Alison Christopher, L.I.C.S.W. The Town Social Worker at 978.399.2325. **If you are interested in donating to the program, we are still seeking financial donations please contact Katie Russell at 978.399.2330.**

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To view the complete Council On Aging Newsletter please visit our website at: www.westfordma.gov/coa and click on [Newsletters](#).



Westford Senior Center



Cameron Happenings Continued...

Cycle of Memory Documentary Showing- All ages Invited!!!

Tuesday, Nov. 8th, 2:00

Join us for a special intergenerational screening of Cycle of Memory: the new award-winning documentary about two siblings' bicycle adventure to find the memories their grandfather lost to Alzheimer's. The film is 72 minutes long and will be followed by a Q+A with the filmmaker. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Westford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency: massculturalcouncil.org. About the film: Mel Schwartz escaped the Great Depression on a bicycle adventure he'd remember for the rest of his life. But when Alzheimer's takes Mel's memories away, it's left to his grandkids to recreate the life-changing bike trip and find those memories again. Cycle of Memory explores the importance of intergenerational connection, healing painful pasts, and leaving a meaningful time capsule for the future. Please sign up for this free movie at 978-692-5523.



Join Us for A Fun Ham and Bean Supper – Delicious food, music, and prizes (did I say ham bones)

Saturday, November 19, at 5:30pm

The Annual Ham and Bean Supper, sponsored by the Westford Firefighters Association, American Legion Post 159 and the Franco-American Club, will be held at the Franco-American Club. There is no charge for the dinner, but we encourage you to bring an item for the Westford Food Pantry. Please make your reservation by calling at 978.692.5523 seats fill up quickly.

Jim Geraghty's Family and Friends 25th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors Sunday, November 20, at Westford Academy

A beautifully prepared traditional Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Jim Geraghty, event founder and his partnership with Westford Academy and many committed volunteers of family and friends. This sit down dinner will include turkey and dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, pies, and more. Don't forget BINGO (prizes) will be played from 10AM-noon, Thanksgiving dinner served at 12:00PM. To schedule your reservation please call the Cameron at 978.692.5523.



To learn more about the Cameron Senior Center programs and services please visit:

www.westfordma.gov/coa,

[www.facebook.com/Cameron Senior Center/](https://www.facebook.com/Cameron-Senior-Center/)

www.youtube.com/channel/UCaNqAZb3tw8EYYQ5bEe7XXg

or simply call 978-692-5523.



October at the J.V. Fletcher Library

From the Director: Thank you to everyone who attended Special Town Meeting and voted to approve the Library Building Project. This could not have happened without the hard work of the Friends of the Library, the Board of Trustees, the Library Building Committee, the Library Staff, and of course, all of you who took the time to show up and express through your vote how important the future of the Library is to the town of Westford. Town residents must also vote on full project funding at the **November 8 local ballot**. To learn more about the Library Building Project, please visit the [Library's website](#).



Unless otherwise noted, the following programs are made possible by the Friends of the Library.

Friends of the J.V. Fletcher Library October Book Sale: Fri., Oct. 21, Sat., Oct. 22 and Sun., Oct. 23 A Friends Members Only Sale will be held on Friday evening from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. A Friends membership (which may be purchased at the door) is necessary for attending this sale. The entire public is invited Saturday for an all-day sale, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and for the \$5.00 Bag Sale on Sunday, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. So much stock! So little time!

Pajama Story Time: Mon., Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. Pajama Time meets once a month on a Monday evening in the Meeting Room for children ages 3 to 7. Get into those pajamas and grab a favorite stuffed animal or blanket and come on in!

Monday Mystery Book Club: Mon., Oct. 24 at 2:00 p.m. We'll meet in the Mary Atwood Room. We'll be discussing *All the Devils Are Here*, by Louise Penny. Print copies are available at Main Desk, and the ebook and digital audiobook are on Overdrive. Email Kristina at kleeberg@westfordma.gov for details.

YA Crafternoon: Mon., Oct. 24 at 3:00 p.m. Come to the Meeting Room to hang out, listen to music, and get crafty! We will make pumpkins out of books, as well as create some DIY decorations for our upcoming Halloween party. **Register here.**

October 26-31 Halloween Scavenger Hunt: Drop in any day/time we are open from Wednesday, October 26 through Monday, October 31. Kids who read can solve a series of riddles that lead to spooky items located all around the library. Little kids can complete an I SPY sheet and look for Halloweeny items in the Children's room. Turn in your scavenger hunt and I SPY sheets to the children's desk and get a special Halloween treat!

Math Club: Wednesdays on 10/26, 11/23, and 12/28 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Join YA Librarian Jess and library volunteer Patrick for a meeting of mathematical minds. Each meeting we will learn theories, solve problems, and build upon your math knowledge with fun activities and games. For Grades 6-8. [Register here.](#)

Teen Tween Halloween: Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 p.m. Costumes encouraged! Come play games, eat snacks, and get in the Halloween spirit. For Grade 6 and Up. No registration required.

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October at the J.V. Fletcher Library (Continued)

Adult Nonfiction Book Club: Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Meeting Room to discuss, *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*, by Robert Kolker. Copies are available at Main Desk or download a copy from [Overdrive](#) . Email Charles Schweppe at cschweppe@westfordma.gov for details!

VIRTUAL JOB SEARCH HELP FOR 50 & OVER – Interview Preparation and Strategy: Wed., Nov. 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Massachusetts Library Collaborative's 50+ Job Seekers Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from 9:30am to 11:30am, via Zoom. If you are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new career direction, re-entering the job market after a long employment gap, or recently retired and looking for your "Encore Career", this networking group program is perfect for you! [Register here.](#)

Mother Goose Story Time: Monday AND Thursday Mornings from 10:30 -11:15 a.m. Twice a week in the Meeting Room! This is a great early literacy program for you and your littlest ones. Get them started with reading fundamentals like rhymes, finger plays, and stories. If the weather cooperates, we may hold some sessions outside. This story time will be limited to 20 participants (not including adults) when held inside.

Friends of the Library e-newsletter: The best way to learn about our upcoming programs and new services is through the FOL weekly e-newsletter. [Sign up here.](#)

Check out our [Museum Passes page](#) or call the Library for reservations. Unless otherwise noted, our museum passes are generously funded by the Friends of the Library. [Have you joined the Friends yet?](#)

Quick Links to Our Most Popular Services!

[Programs – Adults](#)

[Programs – Kids](#)

[Programs – Young Adults](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please call us at 978-399-2300 or send us an email at westfordlibrary@westfordma.gov.



Sustainability

Worried about your electricity prices this year?

Crisp autumn nights remind us of the colder weather to come. Visit the electricity tab of the Sustainability at home section [Sustainability Website](#) to learn about cost effective ways to purchase and conserve energy, including rebate programs to assist you with purchases. The Heating and Cooling tab is under construction and will be available soon. If heat is a hardship, Westford offers [additional resources](#).

Help the Community and the Climate, and follow the November 1st waste bans – Donate textiles and mattresses

Clothing, fabric, and material of all sorts can be reused, repurposed and recycled. Most mattresses can as well. Many people are finding it harder to acquire items they need as prices rise and as they migrate due to political and environmental instability. Donate your reusable items and recycle the rest. See the [Westford Recycling Commission's publication](#) How to Recycle Most Anything for resources. Textiles are heavy, and therefore costly to haul. Most importantly, perhaps, MA DEP has banned textiles, mattresses and box springs from the trash effective November 1st, so they can no longer be burned at the incinerator. Donating and recycling these items protects the climate and is good for the community as well.

Let it be Dark!

While many people struggle with the shorter days, and it is important to both stay safe and celebrate seasonal holidays, bright blue lights make it hard to see our night skies and confuse wildlife. There are many ways you can help and still stay cheery, bright and safe.

- Pull your blinds, shades and curtains to keep the heat and light in
- Purchase [dark sky lighting](#) that directs light only where you need it
- Select holiday lighting that shines out rather than up
- Choose warm colored bulbs over cool, blue tones
- If you have a house near the sea, buy low pressure sodium lights are best for sensitive wildlife like sea turtles, or purchase light guards

Celebrate the spooky season with bats and crunchy, rustling leaves

[Build a Bat House](#)

Consider Leaving the Leaves this year

Do you remember when the first warm dusky evenings of summer were lit with the intermittent signaling of fireflies? Are you looking forward to raking leaves as a natural part of fall? Actually, grass untended by humans grows high, and leaves, moved without the aid of human intervention, provide shelter and nourishment to the entire ecosystem. Insect lifecycles span the seasons, and unfortunately, evolution has not kept up with our desire for large swaths of short grass. Lawns exist only with people. And when lawn becomes the dominant feature of the landscape, they can crowd out everything but a select few organisms and people. Our native pollinators, butterflies and fireflies, among other insects, need long grass and undisturbed leaves to hibernate in. This year, insects, and the entire food chain that relies on them (songbirds, in particular) have struggled with the drought and are going into the winter, like so many of us, under stress. Consider giving your back, your lawn service or your small gasoline engine (and the climate) a break, and try out some no raking and maybe even some no mowing zones this fall. More information may be found [here](#).



Westford Public Schools

Students in grades 6-12 were able to participate in the voting process to select the image for the new [Westford Academy Ghost](#) last week. Principal Antonelli revealed the winning image designed by WA student Julia Donescu during our School Committee meeting on Wednesday night. We would like to thank all of the individuals who dedicated their time and energy to move this process forward and remained engaged throughout this conversation as it has progressed over the past few years.

Some of my school visits this month gave me quite the workout. At Miller, I enjoyed playing multiple math games on the floor with second graders and tried to keep up with students outside at recess. Students at Robinson included me in some of the morning meeting community circles which again gave me plenty of opportunities to try and get up off of the ground. Crisafulli students enthusiastically requested my participation in one of the Phys Ed classes. Again, I started on the ground, but this time experienced the joy of also doing a lap around the gymnasium each time I lost the cone flip challenge. While at Blanchard, even though students were always spread out collaborating with each other...some on the floor, some at tables...I didn't need to kneel or bend to communicate with them; the majority of the workout was trying to follow along in the different World Language rooms only using the respective target language to communicate...that was exhausting.

Looking ahead through this month, there are a couple of dates on our calendar that we want to highlight. We are happy to remind everyone that we adjusted our calendar this year to accommodate Yom Kippur and Diwali which both take place this month. Westford Public Schools will not be in session on Weds October 5 for Yom Kippur and Monday, October 24 for Diwali. Additionally, Westford Academy will be hosting their Back to School night on Thursday October 6. Please remember the early release day listed on our calendar is for WA students only. The rest of the district has a full day of school on October 6.

Many of you were able to participate in the Back to School events that took place for our families with students in grades prK-8 over the past two weeks. I have heard a lot of positive feedback as to how great it has been to be able to see classrooms and experience the learning environments again in person. The purpose of the Back to School events have been more focused on trying to provide glimpses of what the students experience throughout a typical day. The preK-8 conferences coming up later in the fall are designed to provide some specific feedback for each individual student and will have both in person and virtual options again this year. More information regarding those will come from each school.

The principals in each of our schools will be utilizing their October and November School Advisory Council meetings to discuss and provide feedback on our potential priority areas for the next Strategic District Improvement Plan (SDIP). We are developing the SDIP this fall to help guide us through the next four years. This action oriented document is similar to the School Improvement Plans in organization but includes a multi-year approach to address the needs of the district as a whole. Each of the individual School Improvement Plans connect their goals and action items to the articulated strategic objectives the district has identified as priority areas. All of these plans will be reviewed and presented to the School Committee for approval. As we finalize our priority areas and develop action items to support them, I will continue to provide updates for everyone.

Cheers,

Chris

Christopher Chew, Ed. D
Superintendent
Westford Public Schools



Community Wellness

National Maternal Mental Health Hotline:

The new National Maternal Mental Health Hotline provides 24/7, free, confidential support, resources and referrals to any pregnant and postpartum mothers facing mental health challenges and their loved ones. The service is available via phone and text in English or Spanish. Interpreter services are available in 60 languages.

Pregnancy and a new baby can bring a range of emotions. In fact, many women feel overwhelmed, sad, or anxious at different times during their pregnancy and even after the baby is born. For many women, these feelings go away on their own. But for some women, these emotions are more serious and may stay for months.

The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline's counselors provide real-time emotional support, encouragement, information, and referrals. Pregnant and postpartum women can get the help and resources they need when they need it.

Are you a new parent and feeling sad, worried, overwhelmed, or concerned that you aren't good enough? You aren't alone. You aren't to blame. With help, you can feel better. **Call or text, 1-833-9-HELP4MOMS (1-833-943-5746)** to connect with counselors at the National Maternal Mental Health Hotline. Learn more at www.MCHB.HRSA.gov/national-maternal-mental-health-hotline

Free virtual Mental Health and Well Being Webinar Series:

McLean Hospital hosts a free virtual Mental Health and Well Being webinar series. The series offers a variety of topics including How Music Impacts our Mental Health, Suicide Assessment and Treatment course, Overcoming Perfectionism in Kids & Teens, Helping Kids & Teens Manage Their Stress, and many others.

Join the free virtual sessions on mental health and well-being by registering at: <https://home.mcleanhospital.org/webinar-series>.

You can get instant access to past presentations by clicking the link at the bottom of McClean's webinar series page.



For more information about the Community Wellness Department, please visit: www.westfordma.gov/1487/Community-Wellness

Nicole Laviolette, Community Wellness Coordinator
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Recycling Commission

Waste Management composition audit of Westford's Recycling Completed September 15

Westford Recycling Commission Members and dedicated volunteers observed our recycling vendor, Waste Management, audit our recyclables over a two week period ending September 15, 2022 using daily samples from each day's collection. By hand sorting and weighing all commodities in the sample, they were able to develop the percentage of each commodity collected. These percentages are key to determine any revenue share we receive to offset the costs of recycling. Broken down at a high level (combining sub types of each commodity) this is what was determined as the Westford mix:

Fiber – 66.2% (Cardboard is the largest amount of this)

Plastic – 08.8%

Metal – 05.0%

Glass - 11.3%

Residue - 08.7%*

*Note: In 2020 an previous audit was conducted and our residue (contaminants not accepted for recycling) was 08.41% - our contract allows up to 10%).



Sample of Westford's residue

Here are some of the items observed in the audit to **NEVER** include:

- Plastic bags of any kind
- Containers with any food or liquid in them (clean and empty all of them)
- Mixed recyclables in a paper bag – can be mistakenly determined as residue
- Clothing
- Paper Milk and Juice Cartons
- Black takeout containers

Thank you to Westford residents for your efforts and willingness to continuous improvement. Also a hearty thank you to all audit volunteers for donating your valuable time to this effort.



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Recycling Commission (Continued)

Electronics and More Collection Results

On September 17, 2022 at the Westford Highway Garage, we collected:

11,600 lbs. of Metal
14,058 lbs. of Electronics
1,051 lbs. of Co-mingled Material

A total of 26,709 lbs.!!!

Combined with the Spring collection (always higher) we collected more than 63,000 lbs. of material.

Thank you to:

Our volunteers in promotion, planning and event staffing
Our vendor, Northeast Materials Handling for their professional management of the event.
Our Highway Garage staff for their critical support of this effort twice every year

Usage of 'How to Recycle Most Anything' is more important than ever

Using 'How to Recycle Most Anything' ([How-to-Recycle-Most-Everything-PDF \(westfordma.gov\)](https://www.westfordma.gov/recycling/How-to-Recycle-Most-Everything-PDF)) which is linked to our recycling page ([Westford Recycling Commission \(WRC\) | Westford, MA \(westfordma.gov\)](https://www.westfordma.gov/recycling)) is a very important tool in finding good homes for items that we do not want to throw away. Finding an good alternate use is always the better plan.

We update this link on a regular basis as we find more alternatives or there are changes to existing ones. In fact, as part of Westford Academy's Capstone program, the Recycling Commission was fortunate to have the help of a team of seniors in updating our listings this past Spring. They did a first rate job for Westford. This site is robust and lists many great solutions.

To show you how this works, we will be adding the following listing under Household goods later this week – This is a 'sneak' preview:

- International Institute of New England – 101 Jackson Street Suite 2 Lowell; 978-459-9031; sbenson@iine.org. Drop-off usable items Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Check the website for a list of usable items accepted (<https://iine.org/get-involved/#donategoods>)

From International Institute of New England's Website:

'We create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement and pathways to citizenship.'

Please visit www.westfordma.gov/recycling
for your recycling and trash questions.
Reduce! Reuse! Repurpose! Recycle!



Veterans Day 2022



For more information call or
email Ryan Cobleigh@
978-392-1170 or
Rcobleigh@westfordma.gov



Westford Veterans Day 11 AM

Town Common

*(In case of rain, Old Center Fire Station
51 Main St.)*

Friday November 11 2022

Veterans who wish to march with others,
assemble at the Library at 10:30AM
(In case of rain, no parade)

